



## PROPOSED COURT HOUSE FOR BATES CO., MO.

The above cut shows the new county court house for Bates county, Mo., modern in every detail.

It is to be built in the centre of the court house square and have four fronts with four entrances, steel beams and channels instead of wood floor joists. The building is to be constructed of stone, with heavy, substantial walls of solid masonry.

There are to be ten large vaults, absolutely fire-proof. The house is to be heated and all necessary closets and toilet rooms provided; public rooms are arranged in the basement story for the use of ladies with their children; also closets for the public. The building is to have slate roof, metal cornices, plate glass, tile and cement corridors and is to be finished complete ready to occupy within the amount of \$50,000.00, Fifty Thousand Dollars.

This house has been completed in Johnson county, Mo., also in Andrew county, and has been contracted the third time in Lawrence county, Mo., within \$50,000.00. The taxpayers of Bates county are therefore assured that the building will not exceed the sum of \$50,000.00, and preference is to be given to home labor and material.

Following is the size of building and offices:

84 FEET WIDE BY 104 FEET LONG.

COUNTY CLERK.

Public office - - - 26x30 feet.

Private office - - - 15x15 feet.  
Vault - - - 11x13 feet.

### RECORDER OF DEEDS.

Public office - - - 19x34 feet.  
Private office - - - 15x22 feet.  
Vault - - - 14x15 feet.

### PROBATE JUDGE.

Public office - - - 19x34 feet.  
Private office - - - 15x22 feet.  
Vault - - - 14x15 feet.

### COLLECTOR.

Office - - - 19x30 feet.  
Vault - - - 10x11 feet.

### TREASURER.

Office - - - 16x20 feet.  
Vault - - - 10x11 feet.

### CIRCUIT CLERK.

Office - - - 19x30 feet.  
Vault - - - 10x22 feet.

### COUNTY ATTORNEY.

Office - - - 19x25 feet.  
Private office - - - 16x24 feet.

### SHERIFF.

Office - - - 14x22 feet.  
And storage room.

### GRAND JURY.

Room - - - 16x24 feet.  
Waiting room - - - 10x12 feet.

### LIBRARY.

12x16 feet.

### CIRCUIT JUDGE.

19x20 feet.

### PETIT JURY ROOMS.

Three petit jury rooms 16x19 feet, with closets.

### CIRCUIT COURT ROOM.

43x58 feet.

### LADIES WAITING ROOM.

11x16 feet.

### ASSESSOR.

18x35 feet.

### SURVEYOR.

Office - - - 15x22 feet.  
Vault - - - 14x15 feet.

### ASSEMBLY ROOM.

19x30 feet.

### STORAGE ROOM.

16x20 feet.

### BOILER ROOM.

20x31 feet.

### FUEL ROOM.

18x33 feet.

### PUBLIC CLOSETS.

Two public closets, 9x10 and 10x11 feet.  
STORAGE VAULTS FOR OLD RECORDS.

Two vaults 14x14 feet each.

This building is to be built with heavy substantial stone walls, tile corridors, slate roof, metal cornice and tower jackets and all valleys of copper. The cost is guaranteed not to exceed the sum of \$50,000.00.

The foregoing description is given in detail to enable all voters to see what the building is to be.

G. E. McDONALD, Architect.

### PLAIN FACTS ON THE COURT HOUSE PROPOSITION.

Our court house has been condemned and vacated by the courts, and the officers are vacating as fast as accommodations can be secured elsewhere. Question: Shall we continue to pay rent for our courts and officers and expense

elections, or vote this levy

parts of the town, and the

county is paying rent therefor. The

circuit court records, the probate rec-

ords, records of the county clerk and

all deed records of the recorder's office

are without fire protection. Should a

fire occur and the records of any of

these offices be destroyed, the damage

done would be an irreparable loss to

the county.

If you are a property owner, the rec-

ord title to your property is shown by

the records in the recorder's office. Can

you afford to leave the title to your

property thus unprotected? The build-

ing of the new court house will cost

you not to exceed 15 cents on the \$100

per year, for three years.

If you own 40 acres of land assessed

at \$500, your taxes would be 75 cents a

year; on 80 acres of land assessed at

\$1,000, it would be \$1.50 per year, and

on 160 acres of land assessed at \$2,000,

\$3 a year.

### CAN THE PROPOSED COURT HOUSE BE BUILT FOR \$50,000?

The above proposed court house has been built at Warrensburg, Savannah and Mt. Vernon, Missouri, within the \$50,000. See statements below.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., Jan. 29, 1901.

DEAR J. DAY, Esq., Butler, Mo.:

Dear Sir:—The contract to build our court house of stone, the same as your proposed building, was let and court house built under that contract for \$49,885.

W. H. HENSHAW,  
Clerk Circuit Court,  
Johnson county, Mo.

MT. VERNON, Mo., Oct. 11, 1900.

J. C. CLARK, Cashier, Butler, Mo.;  
Dear Sir:—This court house was contracted and is being built in our county for \$49,600.

GEO. A. McCANSE, Cashier,  
Mt. Vernon, Mo.

AURORA, Mo., Sept. 21, 1900.

SAMUEL WEST, Pres. Judge,  
Butler, Mo.:

DEAR SIR:

I am the contractor of the Lawrence county court house and am advised that Mr. McDonald, the architect, submitted the same plans in your county that he did in this, which plan I am building at the present time. My contract price is \$49,600.

T. A. MILLER, Contractor,  
Aurora, Mo.

SAVANNAH, Mo., Oct. 12, 1900.

J. C. CLARK, Esq., Butler, Mo.;

DEAR SIR:

The same court house as proposed in your county was built in our county at a total cost of \$47,112.50.

T. D. POORE,  
Cashier Commercial Bank.

### VIEWS OF A FEW LARGE TAX-PAYERS OF BATES COUNTY.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 9, 1901.  
HONORABLE COUNTY COURT,  
BUTLER, Mo.:

GENTLEMEN:

We certainly should have a new court house in Bates county to protect the records. While we may have had differences on proposition, or on other questions, as a majority have twice said we should have a new court house at Butler, I believe there should be no further delay. THOS. L. HARPER.

I believe it is false economy to put off building the new court house any longer. The levy of 15 cents on the \$100.00 will not be heavy on any one and we had better be getting a new building for our money rather than paying out for rents and elections. I have examined the old building and consider it unsafe and beyond repair.

J. B. NEWBERRY,  
Spruce, Mo.

LINCOLN, ILLINOIS.

FRANK H. CLOWELL, Esq.,  
Butler, Mo.:

Your letter as to proposition for building a new court house for Bates county has been carefully considered. As a general principle, Mr. Scully is opposed to extravagance in public buildings and especially when it is merely to replace an ample old building with an architecturally striking new one, but in Bates county the case is radically different. You, substantially, have no court house, and sooner or later it must be built. Delay in such a case is dangerous in that it leaves the records, which could not be replaced, exposed to destruction and damage which may affect, not only the public, but individuals, whose titles depend upon the records of the county. These reasons induce us to recommend that you give the proposition your hearty support.

KOEHNLE & TRAPP,  
Financial Agents for Wm. Scully.

RICH HILL, Mo., Feb. 9, 1901.  
COUNTY COURT, Butler, Mo.:

A rich county like Bates certainly should have a suitable building for courts and offices, and vaults for protection of the records. Our present court house has been condemned and we are now paying rent. I think the time has come when we should stop this expense and the expense of further elections, and that every tax payer should support the proposition for the new court house. H. P. ROBINSON.

I have been a member of the grand jury several times and examined the court house and know the building to be unsafe and our records liable to destruction at any time. I have examined the plan for the new building and believe it to be as good a building as the county needs and, at the same time, as reasonable in price as it would be economy for the county to build. We are paying rent and, until this question is settled, will be at election expenses. Let us vote for the new court house and stop paying out our money and getting no returns for it.

D. N. THOMPSON, Butler, Mo.